

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 14 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-13 remain in the application. Support for the amendments to the claims is identified herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 recites a device provided with a body of an electrically insulating material having a first side and, opposite thereto, a second side, electric conductors which are mechanically anchored in the body being situated on the first side, the electric conductors comprise first, second, and third layers, wherein the electrically insulating material extends into cavities between patterns in the second layer to mechanically anchor the electric conductors in the body situated on the first side, wherein:

- the body is provided with a recess extending completely from the first side to the second side, and
- a sectional area of the recess on the second side is larger than a sectional area of the recess on the first side of the device.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 (as well as for the amendments to claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12) can be found in and/or inferred from the specification on at least page 4, lines 1-2 and 9; page 5, lines 9-11; page 6, lines 7 and 28-29; page 10, lines 31-33; and in FIGs. 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B of the application as originally filed.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Schwarzrock et al. (US 6,605,828). With respect to claim 14, the same has been canceled herein, thus rendering the rejection thereof now moot. With respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following

reasons.

The PTO provides in MPEP § 2131 that

"[t]o anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim...."

Therefore, with respect to claim 1 as currently amended, to sustain this rejection the **Schwarzrock et al.** reference must contain all of the above claimed elements of the respective claims. However, contrary to the examiner's position that all elements are disclosed in the **Schwarzrock et al.** reference, the latter reference does not disclose "... a body of an electrically insulating material having ... *electric conductors* ... , the electric conductors comprise first, second, and third layers, wherein the electrically insulating material extends into cavities between patterns in the second layer to mechanically anchor the electric conductors in the body situated on the first side, ... the body ... provided with a recess extending completely from the *first side* to the *second side* ..." as is specifically recited in claim 1. Therefore, the rejection is not supported by the **Schwarzrock et al.** reference and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable and an early formal notice thereof is requested. Dependent claims 2, and 4-12 depend from and further limit allowable independent claim 1 and therefore are allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection has now been overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwarzrock et al. (US 6,605,828) in view of Bolken (US 2003/0038376). With respect to claim 15, the same has been canceled herein, thus rendering the rejection thereof now moot.

With respect to claim 3, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons. Dependent claim 3 depends from and further limits allowable independent claim 1 and therefore is allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwarzrock et al. (US 6,605,828). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons. Dependent claim 13 depends from and further limits allowable independent claim 1 and therefore is allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Except as indicated herein, the claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or a continuation application.

It is clear from all of the foregoing that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-13 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and are thus also allowable.

Amendments herein are fully supported by the original specification and drawings as discussed herein; therefore, no new matter is introduced. Issuance of an early formal notice of allowance of claims 1-13 is requested.

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